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TO 1974 ICAO ASSEMBLY AGENDA OF ITEM CALLING FOR NEW PROCEDURE

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MONTREAL FOR US REPRESENTATIVE ICAO

1. EMBASSY TCO MET WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS GONZALEZ GALVEZ MARCH 1 AND PRESENTED U.S. POSITION ON SENEGALESE PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED REFTEL. WHEN GONZALEX REPLIED THAT LAST EVENING LA REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCIL HAD CAUCUSED IN MONTREAL AND DECIDED TO ABSTAIN, EMBOFF REPEATED U.S. POSITION ON EFFECT OF ABSTENTIONS FOLLOWING ARGUMENTATION PARAS 4 AND 5 REFTEL. GONZALEZ SAID THAT LA GROUP SAW CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN SENEGALESE PROPOSAL, WITHOUT STATING SPECIFICALLY MEXICO'S
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POSITION. HE ADDED THAT IN ANY EVENT U.S. COULD INVOKE

STATUTORY MAJORITY RULE, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIM WOULD CONVERT ABSTENTIONS INTO NEGATIVE VOTES. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE LA ABSTENTIONS WOULD HAVE BEHIND THEM AN ATTITUDE SYMPATHETIC TO THE SENEGALESE PROPOSAL, THE RESULT COULD BE A CONFRONTATION. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY WHAT WE HAD HOPED TO AVOID AND WOULD GIVE IMPRESSION OF AMBIGUITY ON AN ISSUE THAT WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE REJECTED IN A CLEARCUT MANNER AT THIS POINT.

2. GONZALEZ' ONLY OTHER COMMENT ON REASONS GIVEN FOR U.S. OPPOSITION WAS EXPRESSION OF DOUBT THAT SENEGALESE PROPOSAL DOES INDEED CONTRAVENE ARTICLE 50(B) OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT INTRODUCTION OF GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATION IN ELECTIONS FOR FIRST AND SECOND CATEGORY COUNCIL SEATS WOULD APPEAR IN ITSELF TO BE VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 50 AND STATED AGAIN THE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARGUING AGAINST THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH AN ELECTION PROCEDURE. NONCOMMITTAL BUT SEEMINGLY IMPRESSED BY U.S. ARGUMENTS, GONZALEZ SAID THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONE MEXICAN REP ACUNA TODAY AND DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH HIM.JOVA

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